A Full, True and Particular Account,

Of a Melancholly Disappointment which happen'd to

Ned H—— alias Fox-Hole Molly,

In his Courtship with a Buxhom Widow of this Town,

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That after POOR NED *had made several rich and valuable Presents, how a brisk Young Fellow of* 18, *was preferred to him; with the Bill that was brought in by* POOR NED's *Friends, for the Presents made, &c. &c.*

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ABOUT seven Weeks ago as poor Ned was meditating within himself upon the Hoe, a lucky Thought struck him (as he imagined) which was, that if he could gain this Widow, his Fortune would be made, as, she was a Woman of Substance, and established in Business. Poor Ned being determined to loose no Time after this; waited on the Lady early the next Morning with a Present of ONE PENNYWORTH of Carraway COMFORTS, being the most suitable to his intended Courtship; (Matrimony being a comfortable state, especially in Old Age) little, very little was said at this Visit: The next Meeting he made her a Present of a Mop, Mopstick and Nail, as an Emblem of a good Housewife; I must here observe also, that very little was said at this Time: However he was determined at the 3d. Visit to make the Grand Push (odd Numbers being often fortunate to Lovers) and open the great Affair to her; therefore he made her a Present of a Pair of Soals, by which means he might catch her in the critical Minute at, or after Dinner, and so attack her with spirit; the Day came and the Dinner was elegantly served up, but alas, Poor Ned! his Spirits again forsook him, and he was once more obliged to retire without opening his Mind to her.—The next and last was a Present of Wine, Wine being always a Friend to Love, he imagined by that means, that he would certainly gain his Point, but Poor Fellow he was cruelly disappointed, for when they was both grown warm with the spirit of the Grapes, in steps a Young Beau of 18, a Youth full of Vigour and Spirit, with a fine MOP-HEAD, who pleaded his cause so well, that he at once overturned all that Poor Ned had been doing (in his four expensive Visits) and that very Afternoon made a compleat conquest of the fair Widow, for that Night they fixed upon the next Morning for the celebrating of their Nuptials, soon after which, the Lady declared in the presence of Poor disconsolate Ned, that the Youth had made her a Present of a much finer, larger, and stronger Mopstick than his, and that she would advise him for the future, never to shew his Mopstick before Marriage, especially when he attack'd a Widow, they being the only proper Judges of good ones; this drove Poor Ned almost distracted, for he Rav'd, Roar'd and Tore his Hair in such a manner, that, the Neighbours was afraid he would destroy himself, upon recovering his Senses he was determined to see if the Law would not give him satisfaction, but his Friend prudently advised him to leave it to the Decision of Friends, which was accordingly approved of by Ned, and his Bill which was brought in, stood as follows, *viz.*

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To Carraway Comforts,	0.	0.	1
To a Mop —— ——	0.	0.	10.
To a Mopstick — —	0.	0.	2.
To a Nail —— ——	0.	0.	1.
To a Pair of Soals ——	0.	0.	5.
To Wine — — —	0.	4.	0.
Total Sum	0.	5.	7.

They soon brought in the Damages for the Plaintiff 13d. being his own Charge for the Mop, Mopstick, and Nail, as to the Carraway Comforts, Soals, and Wine, it was proved that he partook of them himself, and as it was also proved by the other Party, that he had Breakfasted with his Dulcena the four preceeding Mornings, upon Hot Rolls and Butter, and the best Congou Tea, it was Thought adequate to the above, so that upon Poor Ned's paying for the Punch and Gin Grog which his Friends Drank on the Occasion, he was left at full Liberty to seek for a new Mistress.